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Copy (for information): Forestry Commission Jägerhof

Approval procedure for the construction and for the operation of the “Nord Stream” high-pressure gas pipeline through the Baltic Sea.

Amendment of the course of route within the German Exclusive Economic Zone (EEZ) and 12 nautical mile territorial waters zone, and amendments and alternatives outside German waters

Re: your letter of 12 November 2007, ref. AZ 522/Nord Stream/2007 Z1101
Here: opinion of the State Forestry Commission research institute

Dear Sir/Madam,

On the amendment of the course of route within the German EEZ and 12 nautical mile territorial waters zone, and amendments and alternatives outside German waters, the following is, in accord with the Forestry Commission at Jägerhof, the opinion of the State Forestry Commission institute at Malchin:

- 1) The change planned to the abovementioned procedure of plan confirmation, from the perspective of forestry, concerns only the landfall in the area of Lubmin. The course of the optimised route would be to the north east, and parallel to, the scoping route (see: description and justification of the optimised route, point 2.3, optimised landfall point at Lubmin, p. 10).
- 2) The planned relocation of the landside route by approx. 200 m to the north east compared to the scoping route (see: description and justification of the optimised route, point 4, amplification of scoping documentation, p. 19, and Installation Basic Map, Bodden) will lead, on the basis only of the documents presented, to no

significant negative change in the damage to the forest [*sic*]. The provisions of the verified survey framework may, therefore, be adopted.

- 3) However, significantly altered damage to the existing forest areas may result from the extension of the gas route to the outflow channel, decisive here being the question of whether this extension would bypass the forest to the east or cut through the forest area. This might lead to a minimisation of impact on the forest. Even if the forest is cut through, the provisions of the verified survey framework could probably be adopted.
- 4) Further to the above observations, the notes and objections of my opinion dated 19 December 2006 continue to apply to the approval procedure for the construction and for the operation of the “Nord Stream” high-pressure gas pipeline through the Baltic Sea.

The Forestry authority thus **approves** the change of route within the German EEZ and 12 nautical mile zone and amendments and alternatives outside German waters.

The notes and objections I have presented must be included as an element of the planning procedure.

Kind regards,

By order,

(signed)
Norbert Templin